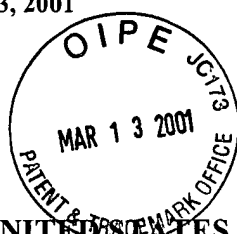
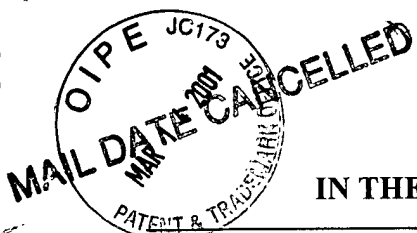


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- ☒ Response to Restriction Requirement (1 pg.);
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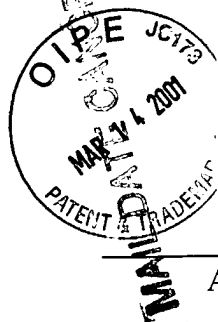
Applicant believes that no fees are due in connection with this submission. However, the Commissioner is authorized to credit any overpayment or charge any deficiencies to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 15966-539 CIP (CURA-39 CIP). A duplicate copy of this Transmittal Letter is enclosed.

If the enclosed papers are considered incomplete, the Mail Room is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned collect at (617) 542-6000, Boston, Massachusetts.

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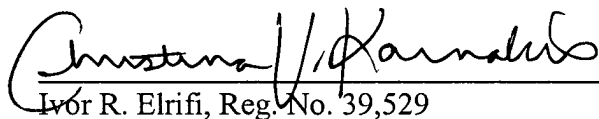
RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

This is a response to the February 20, 2001 Restriction Requirement (Paper No. 5) in the above-identified application. A response to the pending Office action is due March 20, 2001. Applicants believe that no fees are required for the present paper. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311 (Reference No.15966-535 CIP).

The Examiner has required restriction of the claims into four Groups. Applicants elect the invention of Group IV, claims 27-55, drawn to a method of identifying a nucleic acid sequence, classified in class 435, subclass 6.

Applicants make this election without prejudice to pursuing non-elected subject matter in later applications.

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